

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

October 11, 2005

Breast cancer touches the lives of many Americans, either directly or through the diagnosis of a family member or friend. We have made considerable progress in diagnosing this disease and improving treatments, but we have not ended it. While overall death rates are declining, breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women. During this 20th annual National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we recognize the efforts being made to fight breast cancer through prevention, early detection, and aggressive research into new treatments and therapies.

When breast cancer is confined to the breast, the five-year survival rate is over 95%; breast cancer is the leading cancer site among American women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths; This year, an estimated 215,990 women and 1,450 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and approximately 40,110 women and 470 men will die of breast cancer this year; in Los Angeles County, 6,650 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and 1,090 will die.

For more than 20 years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer with its mission to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by funding research grants, and supporting education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world.

The Komen Los Angeles County Affiliate is celebrating its 10th year serving the uninsured populations with a goal of preventing the medically underserved and uninsured populations from falling through the economic cracks. The Affiliate emphasizes support for centers for diagnostic breast services for women and men who are unable to qualify for state or federal programs. The Komen Los Angeles County Affiliate has provided more than \$4 million for community-based programs and \$1 million for national research.

The Komen Los Angeles County RACE FOR THE CURE will take place on February 26, 2006 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim the month of October 2005 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and call upon city and government officials, businesses, communities, healthcare professionals, educators, volunteers, and all the people throughout the County of Los Angeles to continue our Nation's strong commitment to controlling and curing breast cancer to raise awareness of breast cancer by talking with family members and friends about the importance of screening and early detection. By educating ourselves and working together, we will improve our ability to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately cure breast cancer; and

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I, FURTHER MOVE that the Board:

Instruct the Auditor-Controller's office to work with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation – RACE FOR THE CURE Committee Chair to arrange the printing of RACE FOR THE CURE information on **employee checks stubs in JANUARY 2006** with the following **message “Fight Breast Cancer join LA County Race for the Cure at the Rose Bowl Sunday, February 26, 2006 call (626) 577- 2700 for Entry Forms or to Volunteer”**.

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